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Have some news?

Please notify Major Bradley Crawford at 484-9803 if YOU have any newsworthy happenings in your section. Retirements ... promotions ... weekend deployments ... new personnel ... special projects ... etc., that are of interest to members of the unit. These are the types of events that we want to publicize in the *Jet Blast* and Local News Media. On public affairs articles please be sure to include the author's name.

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Commander's Comments

We continue to prepare for and execute our duties as professionals in helping secure our nation's defense. We have members deployed and will have more. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Our continuing efforts should be a source of pride to all of us at Key Field and to our fellow Airmen. Thank you for your attention to training and other requirements.

I have formed a team of traditional members, under the leadership of Col Keith McKinion, to make suggestions on how we can be more responsive to the needs of the 70% of our members who are traditional. Everyone's help and input are crucial to our success.

We have force protection and other volunteer opportunities available. Please check with your supervisor if you are interested.

The national scene continues to evolve in the National Guard, DoD and the inter-agency process. While we continue to provide the required information for the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process and look a bit further to the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR), we must be aware of changes in how we will be organized and operate in the future. Every branch of the service is stressed by the demands of current national security needs but there is a growing emphasis on joint operations, not only within DoD but also among agencies. Inter-agency cooperation is likely to take a similar path as the Goldwater-Nichols Act of almost twenty years ago, which invigorated the increased planning,



Col Erik Hearon
Wing Commander

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exercises, operations, etc. between services within DoD.

As we reflect on how 9-11 ended the lives of three thousand in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania and forever changed our country, we as a nation must ensure that we design and implement the best organizational structure to respond to threats on a world-wide basis. The coordination of proper responses will involve the Departments of Defense, State, Homeland Security, Treasury, Justice, Commerce, all intelligence agencies and others. The military has used Joint Task Forces for purely military operations. One new construct, an

expansion of the JTF to include non-DoD agencies, is the Joint Interagency Task Force (JIATF).

Efficient and expeditious coordination among the agencies will be crucial to our country's success. The media regularly contains proposals and discussions from various sources about new concepts, such as Director of National Intelligence. It is incumbent upon each of us that we stay fully informed about these and related developments.

Thank you to you, your family and any employer for your participation and patriotism.

IDENTITY THEFT

In 2003, 9.9 million people became victims of identity theft. A Federal Trade Commission publication titled, "ID Theft: When Bad Things Happen to Your Good Name," points out that identity thieves use a variety of methods –low and high-tech—to gain access to personal data like social security numbers and credit card account information.

"A thief can secretly run up thousands of dollars in bills using your name and a different or fictitious address, and you may not be aware of this until you are turned down on an application because the delinquent debt was recorded on your credit report," said Michael Jackson, associate director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp's. electronic banking branch.

The best way to catch a thief using your name is to get a copy of your credit report, according to the FTC publication. The report will show all the

accounts opened in your name.

Let's assume your wallet has been stolen. The FTC suggest you contact the fraud department of any of the three major credit bureaus to place a fraud alert on your credit file. The alert is basically a request for creditors to contact you before opening any new accounts or making any changes to your existing accounts. As soon as the credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, the other two bureaus automatically will be notified to place fraud alerts, and all three credit reports will be sent to you free of charge.

SAFEGUARD PRIVACY INFORMATION

NCO NEWS President, MSgt Bill Stephens

Find out about the latest issues. www.eangus.org

THANK YOU Key Field . . .
for keeping our membership strong!
Key Field NCO membership is 76%

Upcoming Events

Counsel on Aging Luncheon (Need Volunteers)
Date: 14 May 2004
Time: 11:00 – 1300
Place: Frank Cochran Center

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Chief Council
Quick Notes

Q: *Can I wear sunglasses with a name brand on them?*

A: No. Any type of name brand (i.e., Oakley, Ray-Ban, Gargoyle, Candies) on the frames or lenses is considered ornamentation.

Q: *Can I put my first initial before my last name on my Battle Dress Uniform name tapes?*

A: No, you must use your last name that is on your official records.

Q: *Are French manicures authorized?*

A: Yes, French manicures that are natural/clear with white tips are considered conservative and in good taste. This type of nail polish is authorized.

Q. *What is mandatory wear date of new name tag on service dress uniform?*

A: 1 January 2004.

FAMILY READINESS NEWS

Please make a note that the dates and location for Kids AT 2004 have been changed to 11-17 July and the camp will be held at CRTC Gulfport. This will be a very exciting camp and a chance for the Air National Guard to really show its stuff. However, the deadline for camper application is 2 May. If you want more information or have any questions please call my office and applications are available in my office also.

In 1999, the United State Congress passed a resolution proclaiming May as National Military Appreciation Month. The months of May and June were selected because during these months, we celebrate Victory in Europe (VE) Day, Military

Spouse Day, Loyalty Day, Armed Forces Day, National Day of Prayer, Memorial Day and Flag Day. In keeping with this theme we invite everyone to our Pot Luck supper Tuesday, 4 May at 6:30pm in the dining facility. This dinner will not only celebrate Military Appreciation Month but will also be a chance for the families of the deployed personnel to get together. Please make your plans to attend and invite someone to come with you.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call my office. My work number is (601) 484-9623, home (601) 683-2165 and my cell is (601) 917-1192. My email address is constance.myers@msmeri.ang.af.mil.

Promotions

SMSgt	
Thomas E. Bergin	186 CF
MSgt	
James M. Bunyard	186 CES
Patrick D. Ortlepp	186 OSF
TSgt	
Ellis Bowles III	186 ARW
James I. Reid	186 AMS
SSgt	
Regina I. Davis	186 CF
Terry K. Mitchell	186 MDS
Joshua M. McDonald	186 AMS
Engret M. Jenkins	248 ATC
Kristopher Jasper	186 SF
SRA	
Laurie Scarbrough	186 SF
Ashley L. Pugh	186 CES
Mychal C. Neal	186 LRS
Maurice L. Baker	186 SF

Invitation

You are invited to a

Pot Luck Supper Celebrating

National Military Appreciation Month.

Please bring your favorite dish

and join us for some wonderful food

and fellowship.

4 May 2004

6:30 p.m.

Key Field ANG Base Dining Hall

For More information contact

Connie Myers

601-484-9623

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CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

On April 7, 2004 a young Marine, Christopher Dale Mabry, from Lauderdale County was engaged in a fire fight with insurgents in Iraq. He was shot and killed in the line of duty along with eleven others in his unit. April 16, 2004 I had the privilege to participate in a memorial service held in his honor at the Clarkdale Football Stadium. Though I did not know this young man I was thankful to be able to have a part in that service. I share that with you to help remind each of us that there is a war going on and that though most of those who have been killed have been in the Army or the Marines, they are still our fellow Americans who are risking their lives in an effort to try and bring peace and true freedom to a part of the world that hasn't known that in a long, long time. Pray for this young man's family and let us remember to pray for those who are still out in the midst of the battle. If you know a family who has

one of their loved ones stationed in Iraq or Afganisthan or any other place far from home, give them a call, write them a note or take them a meal.

Also, let us remember our own from the 186th who are deployed in various places, including Iraq. The words of Psalm 20:1-2 are appropriate to pray for our loved ones. It says:

"The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;" Amen.

May the Lord help us and may we, as a people, be submissive to the Lord as we look to Him.

Chaplain David Allen

SUNDAY UTA REPORT TIMES

Beginning Sunday, 04 April 04, staggered reporting times were initiated.

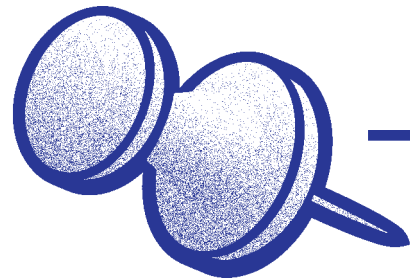
0600 hrs	0700 hrs
186th Services Flight	186th Mission Support Group
0645 hrs	186th Mission Support Flight
186th Operations	186th Security Forces Squadron
153rd Air Refueling Squadron	186th Civil Engineer Squadron
186th Operation Support Flight	186th Communications Flight
186th Maintenance Group	186th Logistics Readiness Squadron
186th Maintenance Squadron	8186th Student Flight
186th Maintenance Operations Flight	248th Air Traffic Control Squadron
186th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron	
Headquarters, 186th Air Refueling Wing	
186th Medical Squadron	
238th Air Support Operations Squadron	

These report times are for Sunday UTA until further notice

CONGRATULATIONS



SrA Kristopher Jasper graduated as a Distinguished Graduate from the active duty Airman Leadership School (ALS) at Tyndall AFB, FL on 23 March 2004. SrA Jasper is a member of the 186th Services Flight, AFSC 3M051. He is originally from Shubuta, MS, but now resides in Meridian, MS. He has been a member of the Air National Guard since November 1999 and is currently assigned as the QAE for the Dining Hall. His wife is a member of the Army National Guard and is currently deployed. They have one daughter. In the picture, he is receiving the Distinguished Graduate Award from BG Larry D. New, Wing Commander of the 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB, FL



Bulletin Board

*The following individuals
need to contact MSgt Angie Baughman at 49271.*

Christopher N. Alexander	Joseph S. Hatcher
Lamar R. Anderson	Cerita C. Hurley
Lance E. Bowlin	Michael D. Key
Erica D. Brogan	Hailey C. Lewis
Donna M. Carr	Steven S. Lewis
Josh N. Christian	Elihu J. Lowery
Dustin C. Eaves	Justin P. Luebeck
Jason C. Gaines	Kellie L. Shirley
William E. George	David R. Thompson
Judson M. Gibson	Christopher L. Trimble
Ashley N. Hannah	David A. White

***Don't Forget
Staggered UTA reporting times began
Sunday, 04 April 04.***

Re-Take of the ASVAB

A re-take of the ASVAB will be given Monday 24, May, 2004

The test will only be given one time a month. to schedule the re-take you need to contact SMSgt Goodin at 484-9272.

Pot Luck Supper . . .

in celebration of
National Military Appreciation Month.
4 May 2004 • 6:30 p.m.

Key Field ANG Base Dining Hall

For More information contact

Connie Myers • 601-484-9623

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PRAYER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD SPOUSE

Dear God,

*I am proud to be wed to one who defends freedom and peace.
My challenges are many and I pray for your love and guidance to meet them.*

*Special to me are the symbols representing my religion, country, community, and home.
I pray for the wisdom and grace to be true to their meaning.*

*You are the symbol of my religious beliefs and the source of my strength.
Because my life is full of change,
I cherish the solid and constant spiritual foundation that you provide.
Help me Lord, to be an example of your teachings.*

*My national flag represents freedom.
Let me never forget, or take for granted, the hope it shows to the world.
Bless those who have made sacrifices for freedom.*

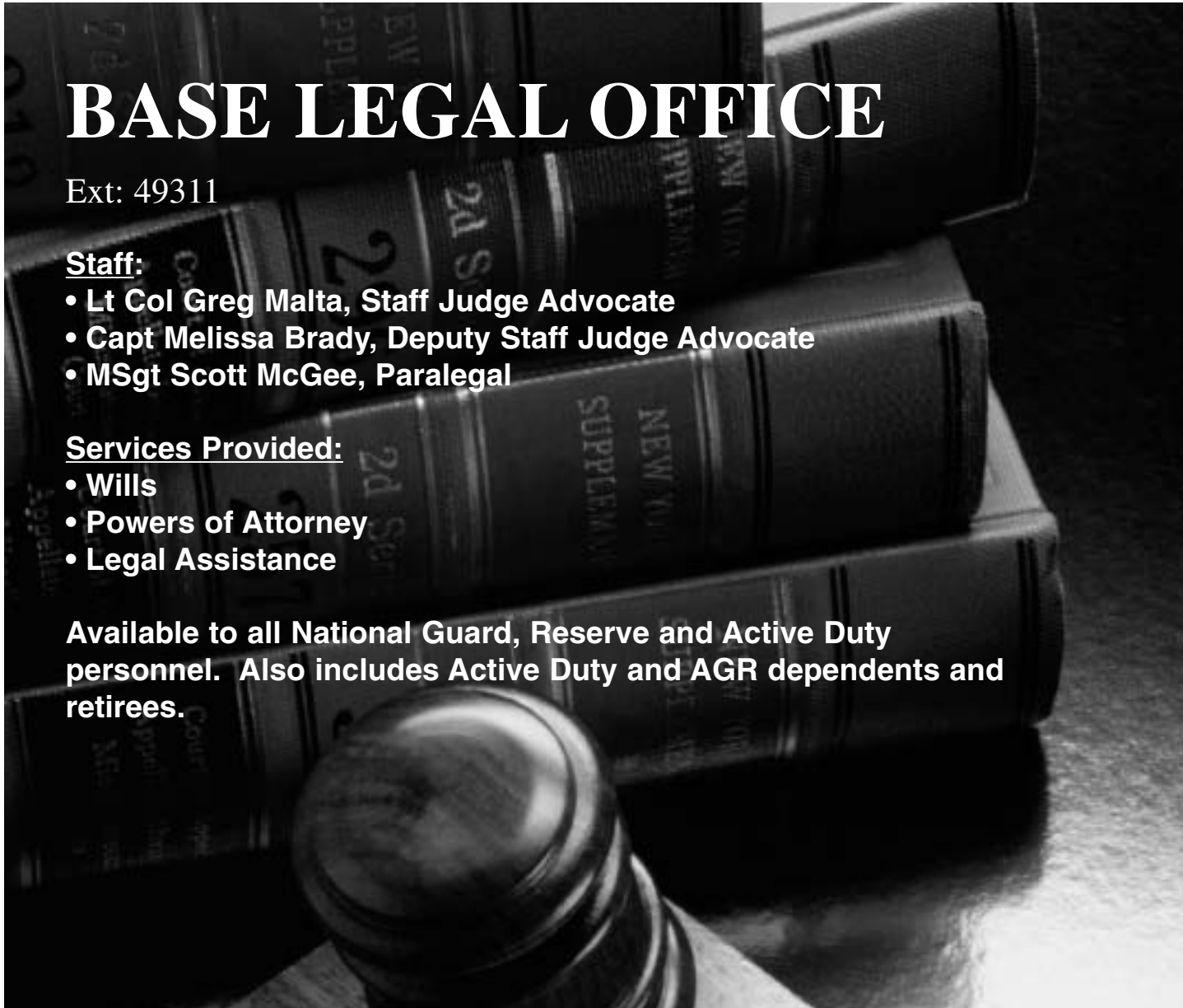
*As I enter the gateway to a military community, guide me to reach out to others,
and keep it a wholesome place.
May my charity be given without thought of personal rewards.*

*My wedding ring represents eternity and never ending love.
Let me celebrate all of the joys of our togetherness and
find comfort in them during times of separation.
I pray also we are spared the ultimate sacrifice of duty to country.*

*My house is a symbol of our family and its unity.
It is the place where we share memories of the past and build dreams of the future.
Make willing my heart and hands to do even the smallest tasks
that will make our house a better home.*

*Thank you God for daily being with us as we live in the National Guard.
Please grant us your continued blessings, increased strength, and infinite guidance,
as we live to your honor and glory.*

Amen



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Ext: 49311

Staff:

- Lt Col Greg Malta, Staff Judge Advocate
- Capt Melissa Brady, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate
- MSgt Scott McGee, Paralegal

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ENLISTMENTS & RETIREMENTS

Enlistments:

AB Aelunna M. Payton,
186 Medical Sq, 3 Apr 04
SRA Judah M. Smith,
248 Air Traffic Control Sq, 3 Apr 04
SRA Lorin T. Wall,
186 Civil Engineer Sq, 7 Apr 04

Retirements:

CMSgt James W. Freeman,
186 Logistics Support Flight, 3 Apr 04

CMSgt Edsel H. Belk,
238 Air Support Operations Sq, 4 Apr 04
SSgt Jacqueline J. Satcher,
186 Services Flight, 5 Apr 04
MSgt Travis E. Wilson,
248 Air Traffic Control Sq, 15 Apr 04
MSgt Natale J. Zummo,
238 Air Support Operations Sq, 16 May 04
MSgt Robert J. Culpepper,
186 Civil Engineer Sq, 31 May 04

Meet TSGT Kevin Blythe. . .



As a Fire Fighter/Crew Chief, Kevin works full time in the Fire Protection Operations Section of the 186th ARW Fire Department. Each 24 hour shift includes 11 authorized state personnel---an Assistant Chief, Station Captain, 4 Crew Chiefs, and 5 Fire Fighters. Traditional Guard Fire Fighters also train and work at the fire station.

The Fire Department has 3 crash trucks, 1 water tanker, 1 rescue truck, 1 ramp truck, and 1 command vehicle. The mission of the 186th ARW Fire Department is to protect and minimize losses to lives, property, and the environment from emergency situations occurring in times of war and peace. The Fire Department provides fire protection for the entire air field. Meridian Fire Department provides coverage for any other areas.

Kevin and his wife, Rhonda, have two children - Allie and Eliza. They attend Northcrest Baptist Church. Kevin enjoys golfing, fishing, and spending time with his family. On Guard weekends, Kevin works in the MOC (Maintenance Operations Center) as a Maintenance Controller. He has been in the 186th for 18 years and says, "The Guard has been very good to me and my family."

Pay Dates for May

The schedule below shows dates you can expect to receive pay for duty performed during May 2004. For example, if you should perform duty on 05 May, you can expect to be paid on 14 May if the form is received in Military Pay NLT 1200 on 05 May 2004.

<u>Run Date</u>	<u>Pay Date</u>
02 May 2004	12 May 2004
05 May 2004	14 May 2004
10 May 2004	19 May 2004
12 May 2004	21 May 2004
14 May 2004	26 May 2004
19 May 2004	28 May 2004
21 May 2004	01 Jun 2004
26 May 2004	04 Jun 2004
28 May 2004	09 Jun 2004

Unit Training Assembly performed on 01– 02 May 2004 should pay on 14 May 04.

Military Pay Notice

If your marital status changes (ie. You just got married, divorced, or you are a single person that just had a child), then please come by Military Pay to fill out a new AF Form 594. Please bring proper documentation (ie. Marriage License, Divorce Papers, and/or Birth Certificate).

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MAINTENANCE NEWS



NDI Personnel: Front – SRA Merche S. Ellis, TSgt Jan F. Dover; Back – TSgt VaShon Gale (NDI Supervisor), SSgt Tony T. Temple, SRA Justin P. Luebeck. Not pictured TSgt John F. Schultz, and SRA Donyell L. Ford.

Number 1 out of 18 NDI labs is indeed something to smile about! This shop was recently awarded the Michael D. Koflanovich trophy for the 2003 NDI Lab of the Year. This inspection is performed annually by the NDI Home Office at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. This is the first time the 186th ARW NDI Lab was presented this award.

Just what is the NDI Lab and what does it do? The NDI (Non-Destructive Inspection) Lab, using specialized equipment, ultrasonics, x-rays, and eddy-current, can predict faults or damage in aircraft metals or composites before problems develop. Each KC-135 aircraft is brought in every 300 flying hours for required iso-chronal inspections. However, NDI becomes involved before that time if problems are suspected. Safety is their utmost concern.

Who are the dedicated leaders of this Shop? TSgt VaShon Gale is NDI Supervisor, MSgt Charles Speed is the Element Supervisor, and CMSgt Roy Graham is the Branch Chief.

Armed Forces Day – 15 May 2004 – is the single-day celebration of all branches of service. Until 1949, each branch of service had its own celebration: Air Force Day was 1 August, Navy Day was 27 October, Army Day was 6 April, Coast Guard Day was 4 August, and Marine Day was 10 November.

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the single-day celebration to be held on the 3rd Saturday of May each year to commemorate the unification of the Armed Forces under one department – the Department of Defense.

Memorial Day – 24 May 2004 (last Monday in May) Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation’s service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women’s groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War. While Waterloo, NY, was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it’s difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings.

Several southern states have an additional day for honoring the Confederate war dead: 19 January in Texas, 26 April in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; 10 May in South Carolina; and 3 June (Jefferson Davis’ birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

In 1915, inspired by the poem “in Flanders Fields,” Moina Michael replied with her own poem: We cherish too, the Poppy red that grows on fields where valor led; it seems to signal to the skies that

blood of heroes never dies.

She then conceived the idea to wear red poppies on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Later a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the US and learned of this new custom. Upon returning to France, she made artificial red poppies to raise money for war-orphaned children and widowed women. This tradition spread to other countries. Later Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help, and the VFW became the first veterans’ organization to nationally sell poppies which were made by disabled veterans.

Flag Day – Don’t Forget to Register for An American Flag! To commemorate Flag Day June 14, an American Flag will be given away at 1300 Hrs on Sunday, 06 June 2004 in the Maintenance Squadron Orderly Room. A registration box is located in the Maintenance Squadron Orderly Room.

Happy Retirement to Steve Cross (Retired technician . . . still a guardsman)

May Birthdays			
01	Edward M. Phillips – AGS	22	Jason Horton – F/L
	Michael R. Smith – Com/Nav		Mack Tidwell - AV
04	Ronald Robinson – Munitions	24	Thomas C. Watson – F/L
06	Christopher S. Anderson – Hyd	25	Kim B. Crenshaw – AGS
	Richard G. Stampley - AGS		Scottie E. Neal – Analysis
	Jody L. Simpson – Mtn		Jimmy Thornton –Pneu
08	Benjamin R. Clearman – E/E	28	Curtis Trussell, Jr. – AGE
09	Roy A. Graham – FAB		Jerry G. Tucker, Jr. – EI/Env
12	Daniel L. Miles – AGE		
	Richard L. Smith – Fuel		

**Congratulations
on Recent Promotions!**

- TSgt Ronnie Thrash – AGS
- TSgt Joseph R. Watson, Jr. - AGS
- TSgt Reginald L. Oliver - AGS
- SRA Jeffery D. Seale - AGS
- SRA Joel D. Weaver - AGS
- SRA Samuel J. Gunn - AGS
- SRA Travis M. Huntley - AGS
- TSgt Timothy C. Moffett – R & R
- CMSgt Berwyn D. Rigdon - Dock
- TSgt Robert C. Smith – Elec/Ev
- SRA Peter A. Graf - AGS
- TSgt Emile H. Hughes – AGS